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SUBJECT: F104 REPLACEMENT: DEFMIN BRONDUM'S COMMENTS

REF: COPENHAGEN 2634

1. WE NOTE FROM REPORT IN REFTEL THAT DANISH DEFMIN BRONDUM STRESSED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS AND EFFICIENCIES IN DANISH CHOICE OF F-104 REPLACEMENT, AND HE COMMENTED THAT DIFFICULTIES IN THIS AREA ARE COMPOUNDED IN THE CASE OF YF-16 AND YF-17 "WHICH HAVE NOT YET ESTABLISHED ANY EXPERIENCE IN THESE FIELDS."

2. AS A MATTER OF FACT, OUR INFORMATION SUGGESTS THAT THE FRENCH COMPETITOR (F-1/M-53) HAS EVEN LESS EXPERIENCE THAN THE YF-16 AND THE YF-17, SINCE THE FRENCH AIRCRAFT HAS NOT YET FLOWN. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE FRENCH DO HAVE AN OPERATIONAL SQUADRON OF F-1 AIRCRAFT, THOSE AIR-

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CRAFT ARE EQUIPPED WITH A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ENGINE

(THE ATAR 9K50). MOREOVER, MODIFICATION OF THE BASIC F-1 AIRFRAME TO INCLUDE THE MORE POWERFUL M-53 ENGINE HAS REQUIRED EXTENSIVE CHANGES TO THE FUSELAGE INTAKE DUCTING, ENGINE MOUNTING, AND AFT END OF THE F-1 FUSELAGE. THUS, IN AREAS MOST VITALLY AFFECTING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, THE RECONFIGURED F-1, CARRYING A NEW ENGINE IS A NEW AND UNTESTED AIRPLANE. IT SIMPLY IS NOT ACCURATE TO SAY THAT THE FRENCH COMPETITOR IS A FIELD-TESTED AIRCRAFT WHILE THE US CONTENDERS ARE STILL PROTOTYPES.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER INSTRUCTING EMBASSY COPENHAGEN TO CORRECT BRONDUM'S APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING' AND SUGGEST THAT OTHER POSTS BE READY TO COUNTER SIMILAR ARGUMENTS SHOULD THEY ARISE.

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